

### REMARKS

The Office Action of May 23, 2006 has been carefully studied. Applicants acknowledge the allowability of claim 17 which is now incorporated into claim 1, and since all the claims are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1, they are all allowable.

It is noted that claim 8 is cancelled in favor of new claim 18 which is a more comprehensive process in order to comport with an enablement for the details of claim 17 incorporated into claim 1.

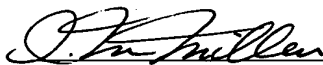
All the elements introduced in new claim 18 can be found in the specification as filed (see page 11, last paragraph - page 12 first paragraph).

With reference to the cited prior art, and the assertions in the Office Action relating to such references, Applicants do not necessarily acquiesce to any of the statements, and reserve the right to rebut same, if ever necessary.

If there are any residual issues which can be expeditiously resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone Counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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